or recesses (18, 20) which are circumferentially and axially spaced on the corresponding rollers (16, 17); in addition, the second roller (17) includes a series of elongated, continuous, tube-receiving openings (22) extending between each series of aligned recesses (20). Mechanisms (28, 29) are associated with the rollers (16, 17) in order to continuously feed elongated synthetic resin sheets (34, 35) into the nip between the rollers (16, 17). Rollers (24, 27) are provided for forcing portions of the sheets (34, 35) into the recesses (18, 20) and openings (22) prior to passage of the sheets (34, 35) between the rollers (16, 17) where they are longitudinally heat sealed together to continuously form elongated, aligned food-receiving cavities (48). A plurality of feeding tubes (11) extend through the rollers (16, 17) and are located within the corresponding openings (22) and recesses (20) during rotation of the rollers (16, 17). The tubes (11) continuously direct the flowing food material into the cavities (48), the latter being transversely heat sealed via transverse sealing bars (60, 60') to form complete, enclosed food packages.--

Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

4. A process for the manufacture of a food product, comprising the steps of:

providing an elongated tube presenting an outlet end;

continuously creating a series of aligned food-receiving cavities formed of a deformable material about said tube, and sequentially moving the cavities past said outlet end; and